

WHEN THE DUNES WALK.

A Sand Storm Experienced in the Desert of Sahara.

To flee from a sand storm in the midst of a drenching rain seems an absurd performance. The Arab, however, experienced in the ways of Sahara, knows that when the rain stops the dunes are apt to begin their most terrible "walking." He seeks shelter while there is yet time.

Our worst experience of the desert in one of its mad fits, says the author of "In the Desert," was on a morning when, luckily for us perhaps, we were nearing the large oasis of Nefta, near the Tunisian frontier. The flapping of the tent and the drumming of rain drops upon it awoke us, and Ahmeda, in some excitement, hurried our departure. He explained that so long as the rain lasted it would keep the sand quiet and that this was our opportunity. Accordingly, in a very short time we had struck tent, loaded camels, saddled ponies and were under way.

It seemed to us a somewhat purposeless proceeding. The rain was not as heavy. The ground was saturated. There seemed no prospect of its drying in a hurry. As Nefta was only half a day's march away it seemed unnecessary to start in frantic haste in the middle of the night in a pouring rain. Ahmeda, however, made no answer to our protests. The other Arabs seconded his efforts with all their energy.

Morning broke wan and sickly. As the light grew the rain slackened. The big warm drops became less frequent and at last ceased. The dull, opaque sky was pearly white and the air hot and oppressive, but the wind still blew as hard as or harder than ever.

Hardly had the rain stopped when I tasted between lips and teeth the familiar, gritty texture of sand. Hardly had the light increased sufficiently to disclose to view the drifts when all their edges and crests could be seen crawling and flickering in the gale. Already there was the droning sound in the air which meant that the dunes were walking. We saw at last the reason for the hurry. The rain cannot hold the sand for more than the instant it is falling. As soon as it strikes the earth it sinks in. One moment you may be streaming with water like a drowned rat, the next you are choking in clouds of sand.

The air grew darker and darker, and the roar of the sand as it rushed along the desert made speech, except by shouting, impossible. I could just distinguish our tall camels in the gloom, their ungainly action giving them something the look of ships pitching and tossing in a gale.

Ahmeda led the way by some mysterious instinct to a totally incomprehensible. We followed as best we might, breathing sand as we went, our heads bent to protect our faces. My recollection of the next two hours is no more definite than would be the recollection of being rolled over and over by a huge breaker. A singing and roaring in the ears, almost total blindness, a sense of suffocation and the feeling that I was in the hands of elements more powerful than mortal aid are the vague impressions that remain.

When we at last got to Nefta we could not have been more saturated with sand had we been buried in it and dug up again. Hair, ears, clothes were full of it. Our cheeks were scurled and sore with the ceaseless battering, and on them had formed hard crusts of sand, cemented by the water that had streamed from our eyes.

The Bloodstone.

Almost every jewel has superstition of some sort attaching to it, and the bloodstone is not wanting in this particular. The story is told of it that at the time of the crucifixion some drops of blood fell on a piece of dark green jasper that lay at the foot of the cross. The crimson crept through the structure of the stone, and this was the parent of this beautiful jewel. The dark red spots and veins were supposed to represent the blood of Christ, and many wonderful properties were attributed to the stone. It was thought to preserve its wearer from dangers, to bring good fortune and to heal many diseases.

Great Men Have Been Bored.

The first object of physical methods should be to straighten and expand the body. The world may in a broad, general way be divided into two great classes—the erect and the ineffect, the strong and the weak. The epoch makers—the Cromwells, Luthers, Napoleons, Wellingtons, Washingtons and Websters—have been men marked by a straight spine and a broad, high, deep chest. The mastered millions, the defeated ones, have been the ineffect—Outing.

Extenuating Circumstances.

A woman was charged with stealing a dozen cases of silver. She appeared before the second judicial chamber. Said the judge, "Come, tell us the truth." Said the woman: "The truth, my good judge, is that I have not been able to resist the temptation. Consider, your honor, they all bore my initials."—L'Independence Roumaine Bucharest.

No Wonder.

"What makes Archie Featherfoot have such a strange, preoccupied look about him lately?"

"Preoccupied is the right word for it. He's engaged to a girl, but he has found another girl that he likes better."—Chicago Tribune.

Accomplished a Good Deal.

Mrs. Hoyle: "What do you think of my dressmaker?" Mrs. Doyle: "She's great. She has almost given you a figure."—New York Press.

Let thy speech be better than silence or be silent.—Dionysius.

A MOHAMMEDAN FUNERAL.

Ceremonies With Which a Body Is Consigned to the Grave.

When the life of a Mohammedan is ebbing away a distinguished reader of the Koran is summoned to recite aloud its chapter on the resurrection, so that the spirit of the person, on hearing it, may have an easy death. The Mohammedan believes that the vital principles of the whole system are concentrated in the head, when death is the result. The watchers at the bedside also read some passages, and then a drink of sherbet is given to the patient to lessen the pangs of death. As soon as the spark of life has died, the two great toes are tied together with a thin strip of cloth, the mouth is closed, and incense is burned near the body.

The internment follows a few hours after death. The "washers" are men and women who wash and shroud the body and dig a hole in the earth to hold the water, so that it cannot spread very much, as it is considered unlucky to tread on this water. The washing is a great ceremony, and when finished the body is shrouded with even more ceremony. If there is a widow of the deceased, she returns the dowry her husband had given her. If the deceased's mother is present, she says, "The milk with which I suckled thee I freely bestow upon thee." Thus she resigns the debt of the deceased to her. When flowers have been placed on the body it is carried to the grave on a bier or, if the relatives can afford it, in a coffin. At the grave four creeds are recited, and the body, with the head to the north and the face looking toward Mecca, is laid on its back in its tomb. The grave is about seven feet long for both sexes, but the depth for a man is measured by the distance between his feet and chest; for a woman, between her feet and waist. If the body is too long for the grave, it is believed that the deceased must have been a great sinner.

Before the body is covered the Mohammedan takes a little earth and, throwing it into the grave, says, "We created you of earth, and we return you to the earth, and we shall raise you out of the earth on the day of resurrection." Then a mound is built to keep the earth in the grave from crushing the body, and water is sprinkled on it in three lines. Special prayers for the safe voyage of the deceased are offered after the burial. As in the case of a Hindu funeral, the poor are not forgotten, both remembering the needy by distributing money, salt, rice and wheat among them after the funeral.

The Prague Clock. Since the middle of the fifteenth century the city of Prague has possessed a remarkable clock, the machinery of which is most complicated. The dial, which is between six and eight feet across, has a number of hands, which mark not only the minutes and the hours, but also the days, months, years and centuries. Of this clock a poet tells us:

At the left of the dial a skeleton stands, and with a bell he rings the hours in his hands. Which he rings by a rope that he holds in his hands. In his punctual function of striking the hour. But the funniest sight of the numerous sights "Which the clock has to show to the people below" Is the holy apostles, in tunics and tight, "Who revolve in a ring or proceed in a row."

Wonders About Skin Pores. Each square inch of the human skin contains no less than 3,500 sweating tubes, or perspiration pores. Each of these tubes, although wonderfully minute, is about one-fourth of an inch in length. Each of these sweat tubes may be likened to a tiny drainpipe. We find that the average adult has about 2,000 square inches of skin on the surface of his body. Each square inch of this outer cuticle is, as we have said, literally permeated with its 3,500 square inch perspiration ditches. If we could put each of these little tubes end to end we would find that they would extend a distance of not less than 201,168 feet. Had you ever before stopped to consider the fact that the aggregate length of the little ditches for draining the human body is almost forty miles?

Schillemann's Luck. It is told of Schillemann, the exhumed of buried cities of the ancient world, that he was pursued by ill luck in his earlier undertakings. Mentioning the fact to a friend, the latter asked him which leg and arm he first inserted in trousers and coat. Schillemann said he habitually inserted the right. "That is the cause of your misfortunes," said his friend. "You have offended the left hand fairies, and they take out their vengeance on you. Reverse your habit and see." "And," said Schillemann in telling the incident in his later and prosperous years, "you see how it changed my luck."

Nicotiana Affinis. Nicotiana affinis, the border flower, which opens about 6 o'clock and gives a powerful and pleasant fragrance during the night, takes its name from the botanical term for the tobacco plant, nicotiana, which was named in honor of John Nicot of Nîmes, ambassador from the king of France to Portugal, who procured the first seeds from a Dutchman, who had them from Florida.

His Plans. "Did the architect carry out your plans?" "Guess he must have. I haven't been able to find any of them about the house."—Cleveland Leader.

We never see the target a man aims at in life; we see only the target he hits.—Jordan.

NOTICE.

In the matter of the Report of the Commission of Adjustment of the Town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, Report No. 1. To Sarah Taylor and Arthur Taylor, her husband, two of the owners of lot No. 42, Block 1, Sheet No. 20, Frederick Fischer, one of the owners of lot No. 28, Block 1, Sheet No. 1, H. H. Haines and Anna L. Ward, individually and as executors of Israel C. Ward, deceased, holders of a mortgage against lot No. 27, Block 1, Sheet No. 18 of the assessment maps of the town of Bloomfield.

You are hereby notified of the making of an order by the Essex County Circuit Court on the fourth day of February, sixteen hundred and six, that the owners and lenders of the several lots or parcels of land affected by said report, including all persons mentioned and interested therein, do show cause before said Essex County Circuit Court on the third day of April, nineteen hundred and six, at the Court House, in the City of Newark, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as the Court can attend to the same, why said report should not be confirmed and the said lands sold in fee-simple absolute, free and clear from any estate in or lien upon the same, to raise and pay the amounts charged and assessed with the said disbursements as shown by said report.

That the amount of taxes, assessments and water rates due on said lot No. 42, Block 1, Sheet No. 20, with disbursements, is \$42.37. The amount of taxes, assessments and water rates due on said lot No. 28, Block 1, Sheet No. 1, with disbursements, is \$21.32, with interest on said several amounts from February fifteenth, nineteen hundred and six. That on the third day of April, nineteen hundred and six, said Court made an order in the above matter, continuing the hearing of said report Number one to the ninth day of June, nineteen hundred and six, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as the Court can attend to the same. Dated Bloomfield, N. J., April 11, 1906. CHARLES H. HALFFENY, Attorney for the Commission of Adjustment of the Town of Bloomfield, New Jersey.

PROPOSALS FOR BROKEN STONE.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the Town Council of the town of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, at the office of the Town Clerk of said town until May 7, 1906, at 8 P. M., for the furnishing of 2,000 tons more or less of broken stone delivered at such points in the town as may be designated by the Board of Assessors. Each proposal must state the price per ton of 2,240 pounds. Each load of stone delivered must be accompanied with the weigher's certificate, No. 100.

All proposals must be sealed and endorsed "Proposals for Furnishing Broken Stone," and addressed to Wm. L. Johnson, Town Clerk, Bloomfield, N. J., April 2, 1906.

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SARAH S. BROWN, Executor.

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